

In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] As shown in FIGS. 9 and 10, the reference frame 300 includes a U-shaped frame member 302 having a base portion 304 and a pair of leg portions 306, 308 extending from opposite ends of the base portion 304. The U-shaped frame member 302 includes a number of surgical navigation emitters 310 that provide a positive indication of position and/or movement during an image-guided surgical procedure. The emitters 310 are comprised of LEDs, reflective spherical balls, or any other type of surgical navigation emitter ~~known~~ known to those of skill in the art. An emitter 310 is positioned adjacent the distal end of each leg ~~portion~~ portion 306, 308 and adjacent the interconnection location between the leg portions 306, 308 and the base portion 304. The base portion 304 includes a protuberance or shoulder 312 projecting therefrom in a direction generally opposite the leg portions 306, 308. A calibration divot 314 is centrally located on the shoulder 312. An electrical connector 316 is coupled to the shoulder 312 opposite the calibration divot 314 for connection with an electrical cable 318 (FIG. 10). The cable 318 electrically couples the emitters 310 and the calibration divot 314 to an image navigation control unit (not shown). In another embodiment of the invention, the reference frame 300 may be battery-operated such that no electrical cable 318 is required to directly couple the reference frame 300 to the image navigation control unit.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] Referring to FIG. 12, the bone engaging portion 202 of the bone anchor 200 is inserted through the percutaneous portal established by the cannula tube 52 and is anchored to the iliac crest IC. As discussed above, in one embodiment of the invention, the bone engaging portion 202 defines a series of threads 210, a pointed tip 212, and a flute 214 extending across one or more of the threads 210 (See FIG. 7). As a result, the bone engaging portion 202 is capable of forming a threaded opening in the bone without the need for additional surgical instrumentation such as a bone drill and/or a bone tap. In this manner, the bone engaging portion 202 is both self-drilling and self-tapping. However, it should be understood that other ~~configuration~~ configurations of the bone engaging portion 202 are also contemplated as would occur to one of ordinary skill in the art, including configurations that do not have self-drilling and/or self-tapping features. The pointed tip 212 of the bone engaging portion 202 aids in initial penetration of the bone anchor 200 into bone and also facilitates threading advancement of the bone engaging portion 202 through the bone. The flute 214 extending across the threads 210 provides the bone engaging portion 202 with the capability to cut threads into the bone and to channel bone material and other debris out of the threading opening.